

treatment, research, and diagnostics of rare diseases through new and existing programs.

More work needs to be done to bring attention to the needs of those who struggle with rare diseases, and to celebrate their courage. That's why Rep. HUDSON and I are introducing this important resolution. Each year, many individuals with rare diseases and their loved ones celebrate Rare Disease Day to share their stories and educate communities of researchers, health professionals, governments, and community organizations about how rare diseases affect them.

In 2019, more than 100 countries observed Rare Disease Day. Our resolution expresses support for the designation of the last day of this month as Rare Disease Day. Congress should recognize this work and improve our efforts to address the challenges facing the rare disease patient community.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join us in supporting Rare Disease Day's designation on the last day of February to better champion people with rare diseases. I urge the House to support this resolution.

**SAN DIEGO VOICE & VIEWPOINT'S  
60TH DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. JUAN VARGAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 7, 2020*

Mr. VARGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper in recognition of their 60th anniversary.

The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint is the oldest and largest African American newspaper in San Diego. Its publisher, Dr. John Warren, and his late wife and co-publisher, Gerri Warren (emeritus) took over the Voice & Viewpoint in 1987. The couple worked diligently in the community to make the publication a nationally award-winning publication.

From small church gatherings to major political campaigns, for six decades, the San Diego Voice & Viewpoint has faithfully reported the news for African American communities in San Diego County. As San Diego's largest African American publication, their news features have highlighted people and events in a more comprehensive manner, while commentators have argued from different points of view in the lively op-ed pages. The Voice & Viewpoint has grown over the last decade to over 350 newsstands and outlets in convenience stores. The publication can be found in all 89 zip codes of San Diego and has readership of over 60,000.

I would like to honor San Diego Voice & Viewpoint for its dedication and lifelong commitment to the African American community within California's 51st Congressional District.

**RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF  
THE 2020 DALE CITY CIVIC ASSO-  
CIATION AWARDS**

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 7, 2020*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the recipients of

the 2020 Dale City Civic Association awards. With the core values of compassion and a true sense of community, Dale City Civic Association honors community members who are making a positive impact in their city.

The Dale City Civic Association stages this annual banquet to honor those in their community who have gone above and beyond the call in their service to our community. This banquet and the awards serve a strong purpose by helping strengthen the community's foundation and welcoming neighborhoods in Dale City. Improving the quality of life in Dale City for their residents is the goal of the Dale City Civic Association and these award recipients have made that goal much more achievable. From teachers to public safety officials, to those who volunteer in their free time, these civil servants show why it is imperative to have individuals like them who selflessly dedicate their time and efforts to make sure their community is prepared for the challenges of the day while laying the groundwork for a better tomorrow. Their great work should be a model to us all, and it is my honor to enter into the RECORD the following honorees of the 2020 Dale City Civic Association Award:

High School Teacher of the Year: Jason Brown

Middle School Teacher of the Year: Kristen Morris

Elementary School Teacher of the Year: Toni Brown

DCFVD Firefighter of the Year: Technician Peter Langone

DCFVD Cadet of the Year: Cadet Majd Mansour

DCFVD Officer of the Year: Sergeant Andrew Kelly

DCFVD EMS Provider of the Year: Sergeant Joseph Krimmer

Kathleen Seefeldt Community Service Award: Sharon Stone

Business of the Year: One Stop Awards & Apparel

David G. Brickley Youth Environmental and Conservation Award: Michele Aguilar-Flores

Deloris C. Hampton Future Teacher Memorial Scholarship: Daniela Avelar

Deputy Sheriff of the Year: Deputy Nieves "Gladys" Russell

Police Officer of the Year: Officer Tyler Reza

Kathie Feeney Nurse of the Year: Matthew Blackington

PWC Department of Fire and Rescue—Firefight Provider of the Year: Technician I Damian Lyles

PWC Department of Fire and Rescue—EMT Provider of the Year: Technician II Yasmin Ahmady

Ernestine S. Jenkins Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award: Marilyn Avery

Catherine Spellane Citizen of the Year: Marilyn Sykes

John D. Jenkins Youth Citizen of the Year Award: Camy Diaz.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me once again in congratulating these recipients of the 2020 Dale City Civic Association awards. I thank them for their immense contributions to our community and wish them continued success.

**RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLO-  
NEL DAVID KELLEY'S RETIRE-  
MENT FROM THE ARMY RE-  
SERVE**

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 7, 2020*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize LTC David Kelley from the Army Reserve for 24 years of service and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement from the military.

A decorated Officer, LTC Kelley has exemplified the true meaning of dedicated service. He's established himself as a leader both in the Army Reserve and our Ohio law enforcement. In addition to his role in the Reserves, LTC Kelly serves as a local prosecutor.

As a fellow Reservist, I appreciate and recognize the outstanding military career LTC Kelley has had. I also thank him for his commitment to serving the people of Southern Ohio, most recently as the elected Prosecuting Attorney in Adams County.

I wish LTC Kelley the best of luck moving forward.

A grateful nation salutes LTC Kelley.  
Hoohah.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 7, 2020*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I regretably missed votes on Thursday, February 6, 2020. I had intended to vote "yes" on roll call vote 38, "yes" on vote 39, "yes" on vote 40, "yes" on vote 41, "no" on vote 42, "no" on vote 43, "yes" on vote 44, "no" on vote 45, "no" on vote 46, "yes" on vote 47, "yes" on vote 48, "no" on vote 49, "yes" on vote 50, and "yes" on vote 51.

**DECORUM AND MAINTAINING  
CIVILITY IN THE HOUSE**

**HON. GARY J. PALMER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, February 7, 2020*

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to respond to the assertion of the Majority Leader that the act of destroying the copy of President Trump's State of the Union address that the President—as required by the Constitution—presented to Speaker PELOSI was speech protected under the 1st Amendment. The Majority Leader should be reminded that not all speech that is protected under the 1st Amendment is allowable in the House chamber under the Rules of the House.

Moreover, the act of destroying the official House copy of President Trump's State of the Union address in of itself is a violation of what is and should be expected for the conduct of every member of the House. The premeditated and wanton disregard of the rules governing decorum that we all commit to abide by diminishes the civility and undermines the